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TAGS: UNESCO OCON AORG

SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION ON
MASS MEDIA

REF: STATE 257992

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON FONSEC ACTING DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AIDA GONZALEZ, RE REFTEL AND RECEIVED NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE RE MEXICO'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DEFERRAL OF DRAFT DECLARATION.

2. GONZALEZ DISCUSSED ISSUE AT LENGTH, SAYING IN EFFECT THAT MEXICO DID NOT HAVE A LARGE STAKE IN THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND COULD GO EITHER WAY DEPENDING ON THE EMERGING ON THE EMERGING CONSENSUS AT THE 19TH GC. SHE EXPRESSED HER PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE DECLARATION WAS NOT A THREAT TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THAT STUDIED ARTICLE BY ARTICLE THE DECLARATION IS BASICALLY MORE CONCERNED WITH NEED FOR LDC'S TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVES TO DC DOMINANCE OF INFORMATION MEDIA.

3. CONCERNING US POSITION SHE INDICATED THAT MEXICO WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN SUPPORTING A DEFERRAL OF THE
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VOTE IF, REPEAT IF, THAT IS WHAT THE MAJORITY AT THE CONFERENCE WANTS. SHE PROMOSSED TO CONSULT WITH HER

SUPERIOUS AND CALL EMBOFFS BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, IF
THE MEXICAN POSITION WAS ANY DIFFERENT FROM HER ABOVE-
EXPRESSED JUDGMENT.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON GONZALEZ COMMENTS, IT WOULD
APPEAR MEXICO FAVORS, IN PRINCIPLE, EXISTING DRAFT
DECLARATION. ITS WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT DEFERRAL OF
VOTE IS UNCERTAIN BUT MAY - AS GONZALEZ INDICATES -
BE INFLUENCED BY CONSENSUS OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS.
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